

REMARKS

This application pertains to novel injection moulded, compression moulded, blow moulded or retro moulded products having self-adhesive properties. The claims have been amended to specifically recite that the products are formed by injection moulding, compression moulding, blow moulding or retro moulding.

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Although comprised of pressure-sensitive adhesive materials, the inventive articles are moulded articles, not self-adhesive coatings.

In the previous office actions, as well as in the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner has argued that the references meet the present claims because, in her opinion, pressure sensitive adhesive compositions applied from the hot melt to a background material, and an adhesive compressed between two release surfaces and cooled read on "moulding" (office action of 1/18/05). In the Examiner's Answer the Examiner specifically argues that compressing adhesive between two release surfaces reads on "compression moulding".

A definition of "Compression Moulding" obtained over the internet is annexed hereto. From this definition, it is clear that no person skilled in the art would see the application of an adhesive coating to a backing material, or compressing an adhesive material between two release layers as constituting moulding or compression moulding.

Applicants' claims, as now amended, are clearly neither anticipated by nor obvious over any one of Husemann et al. (US 2003/0013790A1), Husemann et al. (US 2003/0073767A1) or Husemann et al. (US 6,765,078), whether taken individually or in any combination, and the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by said references should now be withdrawn.

In view of the present amendments and remarks it is believed that claims 1-8 are

now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of said claims by the Examiner is respectfully requested and the allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this amendment is required, applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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